



Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. **If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall - tegrement@egremont-ma.gov or 413-528-0182.**

The Selectboard extends enormous thank yous to the following:

To every citizen of Egremont for their understanding and compliance to safety directives during this time of Covid-19. We understand the challenges facing each of you, your family and loved ones.

To our businesses who have gracefully redefined themselves, with talent, courage and tenacity. Your support has helped us to stay safe until we can all be tested.

To each and every essential worker who put themselves at risk daily, we are grateful beyond words. Police and Fire personnel, Post Office workers, Health Care workers, grocery store workers, and every single person who is working to get us safely through this.

To our Town officials who continue to carry out their duties and keep Egremont functioning as close to normal as possible.

**Everyday Heros All. Thank you.
Egremont Strong!**

ECO-TIP

Divest from the fossil-fuel industry. We can take two important steps: (1) Ask your own bank if their investment portfolio includes fossil fuels. Tell them you care! (Greylock is good!) (2) If your credit card comes from one of the big bad banks, switch. GreenAmerica has a list of "green" cards.

Selectboard:

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, there will be no Memorial Day Parade at the South Egremont Fire Station this year. There will be a private

ceremony to pay respect to our fallen soldiers that will not be open to the public.

The Board has voted that after this issue the newsletter will be printed on a quarterly basis. It will continue to be distributed via email with printed copies being placed at the Post Offices, and mailed to those who don't regularly frequent our Post Offices and don't have internet. If you are able to get the newsletter via internet and you don't already, please let town hall know.

The COVID19 Pandemic has affected all areas of our lives. The Town has had to stop holding face to face meetings. Some Boards have easily transitioned to Zoom meetings, while others are waiting to hold meetings. All meeting postings include the information to participate via the internet or your phone.

As you can imagine, COVID19 has interfered with planning for the school consolidation and the Route 23/41 reconstruction project. Those two very important issues will move forward, just at a somewhat slower pace.

Town Election has been rescheduled to June 26, 2020 and will take place at Town Hall instead of the Fire Station. You will find more detailed information later in this newsletter.

Town Meeting is a bit more difficult to plan. Currently the Selectboard is looking at postponing to late June and either holding at the auditorium at Mount Everett High School or at French Park under tents. There was even a suggestion of putting up tents in the Town Hall parking lot. As of this time the meeting will need to conform to social distancing requirements. Fortunately Egremont is small enough so that either of the above options can work with appropriate planning.

Remember that Real Estate tax payments are still due May 1, but late fees and penalties will be waived for

all payments made by June 29. Town Hall remains closed to the public. You can drop your payment in any of the black boxes by the Town Hall entries, mail your payment, or pay on line by going to the town's web page www.egremont-ma.gov. You can view your bill in the on line payment program. Also on our new online payment program you can get information on your prior tax payments if you need it for your income tax filings.

This pandemic has hit some of us very hard. If you feel you need any type of support (ie need money, need counseling, etc.) to help you through this difficult time, you can find resource contact information on the COVID19 page on the town's web page at www.egremont-ma.gov. If you have any questions that you don't see answered there, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reminder: the Town is planning its annual birthday celebration on August 16 at French Park. We are looking forward to this celebration of Egremont's history.

Egremont has unfortunately lost a couple of its older residents who had been residing in local nursing homes to COVID19. Our hearts go out to their family members, as well as to any of our residents who have lost loved ones at any time.

At press time we got the sad news that long-time Planning Board member Helen Krancer has passed away. Helen joined the Planning Board in May 2005. Helen was also an active member of the Council on Aging which she joined in 2014. She will be sorely missed.

Meet Your Town Employees:

Each newsletter we will highlight a different town employee.



Officer Carlson joined the Egremont Police Department in October of 2012. Prior to that, he worked in central Massachusetts, serving in the role of Detective, Corporal

and Sergeant with larger agencies. Officer Carlson is a trained/certified Field Training Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Crime scene photographer/technician, Detective, Firearms Instructor and certified in the Reid method of Interview and Interrogation. Officer Carlson has been married to his wife Kristin for 25 years and has two grown children. His son Andrew is currently on overseas deployment with the United States Marine Corps. His daughter works in Elder affairs in the Worcester area. In his spare time, Officer Carlson enjoys hiking, riding his road bicycle and his Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

ECO-TIP

Americans discard 1.6 billion plastic disposable pens a year. Use pencils or refillable fountain pens.

Town Clerk:

Annual Town Election

In response to the COVID-19 situation the Egremont Select Board voted to postpone the date of the Annual Town Election. **The new date is Friday June 26, 2020.**

In the town's effort to prevent the further spread of the virus by continuing to practice social distancing protocols, **the town urges those interested in voting in this year's Annual Town Election to vote by mail.** A letter with vote-by-mail instructions, a specimen ballot and a ballot request application for an Absentee Ballot will be sent via US mail to every Egremont home in which a voter resides. This information will be posted on the town's website (www.egremont-ma.gov) as well. State law requires that municipalities must still have a polling station open to accommodate in-person voting. Please note the following important changes to polling hours and location:

Date of election: Friday, June 26, 2020

Polling Location: Egremont Town Hall

Polling Hours: 12 noon – 5 pm

If you chose to vote in person at Town Hall on June 26th, in order to lower the risk of infection to our residents and curtail the spread of the virus, voters, as well as the election workers, will be required to wear a mask.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact Town Clerk Juliette Haas at (413) 528-0182 x 11 or townclerk@egremont-ma.gov.

Egremont Technology Committee Broadband Network Project

Town pushes Fiber Connect and MBI to conclude negotiations for Internet connections in unserved parts of Egremont. With the COVID-19 situation requiring so many Egremonters to shelter at home, the need for robust Internet service is more urgent than ever in order to serve needs for work-at-home, distance-learning, social contact, entertainment, and so many other purposes. The good news is that Fiber Connect (FC) now reaches about 90% of residences in our Town. But building out the high-speed fiber optic cable system to the remaining 10%, which are scattered throughout Egremont, has been the subject of frustratingly slow negotiations between FC and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI).

The Town has always been - and remains - committed to full network coverage in all areas of Egremont. In fact, as we have previously reported, the Town reached agreement with Fiber Connect back in November 2019 on all matters having to do with extending their network to all unserved parts of Town. The holdup has been the separate grant award agreement between FC and MBI, the state agency that administers the grant that will pay for the project. The Town is not a party to this separate agreement nor to the negotiations between FC and MBI.

Since last fall, the Town has repeatedly urged both FC and MBI to make their negotiations a top priority. On several occasions the Town also contacted our state representatives asking them to use their influence to expedite the process. Earlier in April, the Town sent a strongly worded letter to the head of MBI, the governor and lieutenant governor, our state senator, and our state representative urging immediate resolution. A few days ago we received this reply from MBI:

I would like to provide you with an update on the status of recent discussions between MBI and Fiber Connect regarding the terms and conditions for a grant agreement that would provide for the extension of Fiber Connect's existing networks in Egremont and Monterey and a long term

commitment by Fiber Connect to offer broadband service to the residents in each town. We have been engaged in sustained and productive discussions with Adam Chait [FC Founder and Chief Executive], and we continue to make progress and have reduced the range of open issues that require resolution. Our goal remains to bring a grant recommendation to the MBI and MassTech Boards for their consideration and approval as soon as possible. We will keep you informed as we move toward the conclusion of our discussions with Fiber Connect.

Michael Baldino

Director and General Counsel,
Massachusetts Broadband Institute

We would like to feel a stronger sense of urgency from all concerned, and the Town will continue to press for speedy action.

Town begins discussions with Holyoke Gas and Electric for emergency backup service. One of the requirements for Internet service that the Town laid out early on is that there be a fallback plan in the event that FC terminates its business in Egremont, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. The goal, of course, is to ensure ongoing Internet service with as little interruption as possible. Accordingly, the Town-FC agreement includes provisions for the Town to take over the physical network infrastructure from FC under certain extraordinary conditions. The other necessary element would be an Internet Service Provider (ISP) ready to step in to pick up operations. HG&E already works with FC and certain other ISPs to provide some of the behind-the-scenes network services, and the Town is exploring how HG&E might be able to serve as a backup operator should the need ever arise.

ECO-TIP

Ditch single-use paper products. Buy recycled toilet paper or the more expensive bamboo type. Buy clean-up cloths (formerly known as paper towels), or sew your own from old dishtowels, flannel pajamas.

Water Department:

Water bills may be paid online through the Town's website. Select 'Pay your Egremont bills online' and choose the box on the right, 'Pay MV Excise ,Water & Alarm Bills'

Annual spring flushing will take place over the next three weeks. During the flushing you may experience a discoloration of the water in your home or business. We recommend users run the tap for five or ten minutes, preferably from the tub spout, and it will clear up. The water is safe to drink.

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase but we cannot tell if it is a leak or pool use or irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to DEP. Thank you!

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about the flushing program, or the water department in general, please contact the Egremont Water Department at 413-528-0182 extension 17.

ECO-TIP

NeighborNet members can access a page of plastic-alternative resources, products, recipes: <https://sites.google.com/site/egneighbornet/plastic-reduction-tips?authuser=0>.

Emergency Management

During the **COVID-19** situation, Emergency Management is monitoring current events along with ordering and supplying our first responders with proper PPE. The Town's website has an informational page dealing with local, state and national updates so Egremont can have the best and latest information.

If any power outages occur in our area, it is imperative that they be reported via the National Grid Customer Service or Outage Reporting phone numbers. Please report any outages or downed wires via these phone numbers. Every outage phone call that National Grid receives is logged into their outage tracking system and better enables them to pinpoint the location of the issue. The sooner that they can identify the location of the issue, the better they can respond.

Outage Reporting Phone Numbers:

Customer Service: **1-800-322-3223** (can also be used for any other general questions)

Outage Reporting: **1-800-465-1212** (automated line for reporting power outages or downed wires)

Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

If you would like to change or add your information into Egremont's Mass Alert System, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses. If you have any questions about the alert system, please drop us an email or call us and we will be happy to answer them. Please email: wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov Or phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

Walk Massachusetts Challenge:

Lace up your sneakers, go alone or grab some friends (as long as you practice social distancing) and join in the "Walk Massachusetts Challenge". It's a great way to get out outdoors and walk our beautiful Egremont roads. The days are longer, there are no snowbanks, it's getting warmer (we hope) and it's healthy for you! Your participation can help your COA win money for our fitness programs and gives you the chance to win several prizes.

The Challenge runs from May 15 (a change from the original start date due to the current situation) and runs until September 30. You can walk as an individual or form a team. If a team, you need to keep your distance but it would still work. In that time period, if you complete the challenge, you are entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card, a \$25 Amazon gift card or a \$10 Dunkin' gift

card...and for each person who completes the challenge, our Council on Aging gets an entry into the \$500 prize for use with fitness programming.

Here's how it works:

You or you and your friends choose a challenge. Someone suggested a great challenge would be to walk all the roads in Egremont. Jim Noe, Highway Superintendent, tells us that Egremont has approximately 35 miles of town roads (not including Routes 23 and 41). Or you could choose "Round the Border" and walk the equivalent of the Massachusetts border (515 miles) or "Mass-ters" and walk the equivalent of the MA tidal shoreline (1,529 miles). That sounds like a lot of walking but "Round the Border" is only about a mile a day, three days a week, per person, while the "Mass-ters" is about 3 miles a day.

If you're not a current walker or can't walk a mile a day there are other challenges as well. You can walk from Provincetown to Lee in just 30 minutes a day, three days a week. Try the Greylock Gradual Ascent and walk seven minutes a day. Start slow and walk the length of your driveway and back and build up to longer times. Do whatever works best for you.

Join the challenge at www.mcoaonline.com/walkma! Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up. You do not need to register again due to the change in start date. The miles you have done will still count.

And be sure to wear your "Be Seen, Be Safe" vest. If you need one you can get them at the Town Hall or Police Department. Just call ahead to let them know you are coming. Also, please practice safe walking habits!

ECO-TIP

Replace disposable (single-use) products with reusable ones: shavers, dryer balls, silicone baking sheets, etc.

Council on Aging:

As we all are aware, our lives in Egremont and around the globe have changed dramatically in the past several weeks. Due to the current situation our April and May Luncheons and Coffee Hours have been cancelled. We'll let you know about June as we get closer to that time. Our March Luncheon featured "The Sunday Strummers Ukulele Ensemble". They serenaded us with many old favorites and we all

enjoyed singing along.

In the meantime your COA is here to assist. You can call us at 528-0182 x 24 or email us at coa@egremont-ma.gov with your questions, concerns or suggestions. Or just give us a call if you'd like to have a chat.

We have a list of volunteers who are willing to shop for groceries and other necessities and deliver them to you. If you haven't seen the list call us and we'll get it to you. If you are having trouble getting your trash to the Transfer Station we also have volunteers who will help you out. Give us a call and we will connect you with a neighbor.

We now have a transportation system in place, thanks to the cooperation and hard work of Sheffield and Egremont Town officials. The Sheffield Senior Center Van is available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to transport Egremonters for essential needs such as grocery shopping, banking, and medical appointments. A \$4.00 donation for a round trip is suggested and it is helpful if you can give them a 48 hour notice, if possible. To arrange a ride call 413 229-7037 and leave a message.

The calendar says it's Spring but these days it's hard to believe. If you have one of our "Sand for Seniors" buckets we should really be done with them for the season. It would be great if you could return them to us so we don't have to purchase new ones for next winter. You can drop it off at the Town Hall (leave outside by the picnic table) or call us and we will pick it up if you leave it outside your door.

Senior Gardens..... if you would like to have a raised bed garden for vegetables give us a call and we'll get you started! 528-0182 x 24

If you'd like a "check-in" each morning, take advantage of our "Good Morning Senior" program. Participants call in each morning Monday thru Friday between 9:00 and 10:00 and one of our friendly volunteers answers the calls. If you don't call in, we will call you. If you don't answer a police officer will be dispatched to your home to ensure you are safe. A great way to have peace of mind for your family, especially if you live alone. Sign up forms are available at the Town Hall or the Police Department. We will also be glad to mail forms to you. Just give us a call.

Now is a great time to be a good neighbor. Call and check in on those living close to you, especially seniors and those who live alone. If you know of

someone who is need of assistance or who could use a delivery of a hot meal, please give us a call. All calls will be kept confidential.

Helen Krancer

All of us at the Council on Aging are deeply saddened by the passing of our long time Board member and friend Helen Krancer. Helen was an indefatigable supporter of our COA and our voice to the public, making sure that notices of our activities were posted in local newspapers, online and on the local radio station. She was diligent about attending meetings and paying attention to all of our activities. Helen was passionate about defending what she thought was right and was willing to engage those who disagreed. Helen's presence will greatly missed by all of us who worked with her and enjoyed her company.

Remember, your COA is here to assist you. Give us a call or email us. We're glad to help. 528-0182 x 24 or coa@egremont-ma.gov. We'd love to hear from you!



Enjoying lunch with the COA

ECO-TIP

Old (but good) magazines: Keep a pile near your door and grab a few to leave at the dentist's or the laundromat. They'll get read again.

The Friends of Prospect Lake:

In the midst of the world-wide corona pandemic, face masks suddenly loomed large. CDC, WHO, and local experts all recommended the wearing of face masks to help "flatten the curve," i.e., stop or at least slow down the spread of the virus. The official medical version of masks – the N95 – is in short supply and is properly reserved for the most front-line of all those who deal with the

dangers of the virus directly – the doctors and nurses and medical techs in our hospitals, the EMTs in our ambulances, other first responders, delivery and grocery workers, etc.

So people began to create homemade versions. The internet was suddenly flooded with patterns for DIY masks and videos on how to turn a T-shirt into a face mask. With mandated stay-at-home time on their hands, the ideas caught on among several members of FOPL, The Friends of Prospect Lake. Leftover swaths of fabric, together with lengths of elastic tape and string, were sought and gathered (the T-shirt idea went unused – the cloth is too porous.) Cutting boards and sewing machines came out of the cupboards. The western side of Prospect Lake became a mini-assembly line, providing masks for free-of-charge distribution in the North Egremont General Store, Big-Y Supermarket, our local Post Office, VIM, and a range of friends, neighbors, and relatives on a request basis.

Each mask went into a small plastic bag, along with a printed disclaimer stating that this mask did not meet the standards set by the CDC for official medical face masks. The mask makers wanted to be helpful, but also wanted to avoid misleading. (In fact, the best use of our masks is to help you avoid touching your face.) We hope the masks were all used to good effect. Stay safe, stay well ...and stay 6' apart!!

ECO-TIP

Thermal cash register receipts are made from paper, but they contain bisphenol A (BPA), a nasty hormone-disrupting and cancer-causing chemical. Don't try to recycle them: the BPA contaminates the recycled paper products that are produced. Ask for no shopping receipt, or throw it away and wash your hands.

Fire Department:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>
<i>/Location</i>	<i>/Type</i>	
2/26/2020	6:53 AM	22
Hickory Hill Rd.	Medical	
2/29/2020	8:12 PM	23
Mt. Washington Rd	Alarm/False	
3/5/2020	9:49 PM	24
Standby In Station	Mutual Aid	
3/6/2020	7:58 PM	25
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical	
3/9/2020	6:38 AM	26

Baldwin Hill N-S	Medical	
3/11/2020 8:55 AM	27	
Phillips Rd.	Vehicle Fire	
3/11/2020 10:06 AM	28	
Hillsdale Rd.	Alarm/False	
3/15/2020 10:01 PM	29	
128 Undermountain Rd. S	Fire/Sheffield	
3/16/2020 11:18 AM	30	
214 Egremont Plain Rd.	Alarm/False	
3/18/2020 10:49 AM	31	
Button Ball Ln.	Medical	
3/18/2020 2:07 PM	32	
Main St.	Medical	
3/21/2020 2:38 PM	33	
Blunt Rd	Brush Fire	
3/22/2020 8:48 AM	34	
Main St.	Alarm/False	
3/22/2020 1:12 PM	35	
Harvey Mountain Rd. Austerlitz Fire		
3/26/2020 1:05 PM	36	
Hillsdale Rd.	Alarm/False	
3/26/2020 2:59 PM	37	
Race Brook Falls Mt. Washington Rescue		
3/28/2020 8:12 AM	38	
Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical	
3/30/2020 12:56 PM	39	
Blunt Rd.	Medical	
3/31/2020 7:28 AM	40	
Brookside Rd Great Barrington Structure Fire		
3/31/2020 11:51 AM	41	
Baldwin Hill N/S	Medical	
4/2/2020 8:20 PM		42
Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm False	
4/6/2020 1:10 PM		43
Baldwin Hill	Medical	
4/6/2020 6:59 PM		44
Main St	Medical	
4/7/2020 11:48 AM		45
Under Mountain Rd.	Medical	
4/8/2020 11:19 AM		46
Creamery Rd.	Alarm False	
4/9/2020 3:14 PM		47
Main St.	Alarm/False	
4/13/2020 12:41 PM	48	
Blunt & Baldwin Hill	Wires Down	
4/15/2020 6:39 PM	49	
Jug End Rd.	Search/Cancelled	
4/16/2020 7:18 PM	50	

East St. Mt Washington	Alarm/False
4/17/2020 5:55 PM	51
Cherry Hill Rd Stockbridge	Structure Fire
4/17/2020 8:55 PM	52
Gilbert Ln.	Grill Fire
4/20/2020 11:12 AM	53
Mount View Rd.	Medical
4/22/2020 5:41 AM	54
Prospect Lake Rd	Alarm/False

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

(During the COVID19 Pandemic some boards are not meeting and some are meeting sporadically. All meetings are taking place via Zoom. Please check the town's web page, www.egremont-ma.gov, for meeting postings.)

*Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment*

Historical Commission - first Wednesday at 4pm

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Meetings as posted. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Selectboard - Generally meetings every other Tuesday evenings 6pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Cemetery Commission - first Friday of every month at 8am. Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth

Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

*Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm
or by appointment*

*Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm*

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm

*Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed*

*To reach a board member or to leave a message
please call the Town Hall 528-0182.*

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

*Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming*

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-

Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

*Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing*

413-528-3230

*41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.*

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

*Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs*

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs

413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

*Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture
(CSA) & Farmers Markets*

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug

Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

*Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.*

Syrup and Honey

413-528-5710

*Skip DelVaglio - Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage
(Local Honey)*

1257 Sheffield - Egremont Road

413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes

1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road

Great Barrington MA 01230

413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-717-0507

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

*Zorn Core Fitness -
Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio
for Egremont residents zornari@gmail.com
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594 www.zorncorefitness.com*

*Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-0828
kbyoga@gmail.com*

*Amelia's Holistic Facial Rejuvenation
Combined with Reiki Level II and Cranial Sacral
Release
A licensed Aesthetician.
"Look and feel as though you just enjoyed a two-
week vacation...without the jet lag. 518.320.8314
AmeliasHolisticFacials@gmail.com*

*Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
413-528-4796*

*Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
413-528-9633*

*Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
wood veneer sales
413-644-9696*

*Steve Agar - driving services
Ride to the airport, train, etc
413-854-7269*

*Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor
Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring
413-522-3671
llstpierre@yahoo.com*

*"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Jack Buckley
413-528-1982
413-446-1982*

*James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field
Mowing
413-528-0102 413-717-2443*

*Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to
construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing,
window washing with free screen cleaning.
413-854-7417 bonbonz75@yahoo.com*

*Workingdesign
Architecture and Landscape Design
15 Sheffield Rd, So. Egremont
Robert Fakelmann, AIA and Alexis Wreden
318-436-9657 or 318-548-2238
rjf@latech.edu or awreden@gmail.com
www.workingdesign.info
No project too small!*

*Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course
413-528-1262
www.catamountski.com*

*Peter Goldberg, Realtor
Residential, Commercial, Land
Stone House Realty
35 Railroad Street, Great Barrington
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413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920
anitaschilling@gmail.com*

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Accessories
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*Gregory Cherin Photography, South Egremont 1-917-991-0553 info@gregorycherin.com
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*Berkshire Band Instrument Co. - Kevin S. Wheeler
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*Berkshire South Regional Community Center
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Non-profit community organization serving 17 towns throughout the Southern Berkshires. Providing a variety of educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages - from early childhood to senior citizens - and partners with several local organizations.*

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*House To House Hauling & Recycling
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*Erika Ludwig Founder/Teacher
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www.fiddlingfemmes.com
<https://berkshirestrings.youcanbook.me/>
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*Aston Magna Music Festival
Saturday evenings at the new Saint James Place in Great Barrington, mid-June to mid-July.
www.astonmagna.org
Susan Obel, Executive Director*

*Dwelling in the Past:
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Offering the opportunity to find out the history of your home, and learn how its former occupants contributed in shaping the community we live in today. The local research team has extensive knowledge of the archival tools available, and combines that with years of experience in using those resources for bringing the past back into the light.
P.O. Box 558 South Egremont MA 01258
413-528-3919
Call for a complimentary consultation.*

A tribute, by Susan Bachelder, to two of Egremont's long time residents who recently passed away.

Most of us in Town know of Helen Krancer, who passed away this week end, through her long years of public service, and these will be recognized fully in our July Newsletter, but to remember Helen now, we include a watercolor that she did as a member of the Guild of Berkshire artists and a quote.

"I have been drawing and painting my whole life. As I began to retire from business, I devote more and more time to my art. My mother was an artist and I happily use her as a role model."



For those who spent any time in the South Egremont Post Office over the years, you have read the poems and been in the presence of Mr. Stanley Farnum of Sheffield Road. With his beagle on the front seat, and his black shades and personable manner, Stan was a friend to generations of Egremonters. Fortunately, the Egremont Historical Commission had recently done an interview with Stan reading his poetry, and recollections of our community. And to remind us of how GOOD a poet he really was, Susan Bachelder submitted this humble tribute to our poet in residence.

Upon Hearing the News

*Today, more numbers
Numbers that boggle the mind.
And then we hear of this One.*

*The One that lived down the road.
The one who called every woman Sweetheart,
The one who meant it too.*

*The One who wrote poems
About his losses
About his loves
About his beagle and Heather*

*The One who wrote about his life
His ordinary life he shared with us in verse
His extraordinary life well lived,
now gone.*

*Rest in Peace Stanley Farnum
We will miss you.
11-27-1921 to 4-25-2020*



Photo by Chet Delaney.


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TOWN OF EGREMONT – May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



For Residents of:

Alford Becket Egremont Great Barrington Lee Lenox Monterey Mount Washington
New Marlborough Otis Richmond Sheffield Stockbridge Tyringham West Stockbridge

When: Rescheduled to: Saturday, June 27, 2020: 9 AM – 1:00 PM

From: May 2

**Where: Town of Lee WasteWater Treatment Plant
379 Pleasant Street, Lee**

What to Bring

From The Yard/Garden

Pesticides, Fungicides
Herbicides
Insect Sprays
Rodent Killers
Muriatic Acid
Flea Powder
No-Pest Strips
Chemical Fertilizers
Lighter Fluid
Moth Balls

From The Workbench

Rust Proofers
Wood Preservatives
Wood Strippers & Stains
Paint Thinners
Lead & Oil-Based Paint
Varnish
Full Aerosol Cans
Sealants
Adhesives
Solvents

From The House

Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners
Floor Cleaners
Metal Polish
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Photo Chemicals
Chemistry Kits
Rechargeable Batteries

From The Garage

Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene
Brake & Transmission Fluids
Car Wax, Polish
Engine Degreaser/Motor Oil
Swimming Pool Chemicals
Driveway Sealer
Antifreeze
Car-Lead Acid Batteries

Mercury Products:

Thermometers
Thermostats
Other mercury
Button Batteries

DO NOT BRING

Latex Paint, Medical Wastes, Asbestos,
Fireworks & Explosives, Ammunition, Construction
Debris, Gas or Propane Cylinders, Smoke Detectors,
Radioactive Material, Fire Extinguishers, Fluorescent Lamps,
Electronics, PCB's, Medications, Medical Sharps

**Pre-Registration is required to avoid long
delays. Please call Tri-Town Health to pre-
register 413-243-5540. More info at**

www.tritownhealth.org

Egremont And COVID-19 – March 26, 2020

To protect Town residents and employees during the coronavirus pandemic, the Egremont Selectboard has declared a state of emergency and implemented the following:

Town Hall remains closed to the public until further notice. Essential staff will continue to work normal hours and are still available to assist you by phone, internet or by individually arranged appointment.

There are boxes outside all Town Hall doors to leave payments or paperwork.

All Town Hall offices can be reached at 413-528-0182. Free Wi-Fi Hotspot is available in the Egremont Town Hall parking lot. Email addresses for all Town Offices are on the Town's webpage. If you are unable to find a particular email use tegrement@egremont-ma.gov and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

The Transfer Station will remain open as usual however the attendant will not assist you with your trash. The Swap Shop is closed effective immediately. The Transfer Station will suspend accepting Construction and Demolition waste, TVs, Electronics and fluorescent light bulbs. Please plan accordingly.

The Police and Fire Departments are available as always and will be working closely with Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad on medical calls. Continue to call 911 if you are in need of emergency personnel.

All non-essential meetings of Town Boards, Commissions are postponed until further notice with the exception of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health.

The Library is currently closed. The Library Director Lesliann monitors phone messages and can be reached via email at egrlibrary@egremont-ma.gov. E-books continue to be available.

Town Meeting and Town Election are postponed. Await further information on this.

To access information from the Commonwealth:

For text message alerts text COVIDMA to 888-777.

For up-to-date accurate information: <https://www.mass.gov/Covid19>

If you feel you need emotional support: Call 2-1-1 Call2talk.

Reminders:

Practice physical distance (6ft) from other people.

Stay home as much as possible.

If you are sick, isolate at home and contact your physician or the ER.

Wash your hands frequently.

Self-quarantine if you think you may have been exposed to the virus or have come in contact with someone with the virus.

During these turbulent times your cooperation, understanding and patience is deeply appreciated. The Selectboard will continue to keep you updated with any changes, additions or suspension of any the directives as described above as it continues to monitor federal, state and local developments.

Self-Quarantine Advisory

We have heard the pandemic referred to in several ways. Corona virus is the pathogen (virus) that causes the disease and since it is a new strain of the virus it is often referred to as novel coronavirus. COVID-19 is the name of the disease caused by that virus.

Egremont's Select Board and Board of Health monitor local, state, federal and WHO advisories continuously.

Collectively we are confident that our prior communications and our communities respect and adherence to them have mitigated the COVID-19 pandemic within Egremont.

We are confident that the high standard Egremont has set in these early days among its residents will strengthen over the next weeks in face of the pandemic's escalation.

In the United States, testing for COVID-19 has seriously lagged behind the spread of the disease. Overseas where the amount and rapidity of testing is more advanced, more virus positive individuals are detected earlier.

We are not in a fifteen day pause. We are only in the first phase of dealing with a long-term pandemic. We must be calm and reasoned and base our collective actions and policies on facts while we safeguard ourselves and our neighbors.

Because the status of the pandemic changes hourly, many of our family members, friends and neighbors are confused and anxious. The consequence is that the well-intentioned among us, motivated to protect themselves and others, can communicate mistaken or incomplete information out of fear not fact via social media.

We urge you to think more than twice before pressing the send button on your message during this unprecedented time.

Egremont's Select Board and Board of Health are committed to provide you with accurate, up-to-date information about challenges we will face together over the next months. Please remember, this time too shall pass.

Our advice based on credited sources; If you are well but know you have been exposed, you should self-quarantine for 14 days. If you are well and have not been exposed as far as you know, you should self-monitor. If you were in New York recently (and not quarantined) you should assume you have been exposed. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/03/16/816490025/quarantine-self-isolation-social-distancing-what-they-mean-and-when-to-do-them>

Be safe. Be well. And please support your neighbors.

Egremont Selectboard
Egremont Board of Health

TOWN OF EGREMONT
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April 10, 2020

Important information Regarding Your Egremont Tax Bill

Under “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19,” Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the Town of Egremont has adopted local options for real and personal property tax payments for a waiver of interest on certain municipal tax and other bills paid by June 30, 2020. See below.

Though your tax payment is still due May 1st, 2020, The Egremont Select Board has voted to waive interest and other penalty for late payment of any excise, real estate tax, personal property tax, water rate or other charge added to a tax for any payments **with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made late but before June 30, 2020**. This applies to late payments of bills that have a due date of March 10, 2020 or after, when such bills are paid late but paid on or before June 30. This waiver of interest does not apply to bills with due dates before March 10, 2020 or if the bill is not paid by June 30.

Making Payments

Due to the COVID-19, the town office is **closed**. Payments can be made online or a check mailed. No cash payments.

Our new **Real Estate & Personal Property** online inquiry and bill payment process is now available through the 'online' links on the town website. <http://www.egremont-ma.gov/taxcoll.html#pay>. The online payment process offers many new improvements for obtaining all of your billing information. You can view past or present bills, payment history, print reports for IRS income tax filing and make payments. Bills can be found by entering your last name, a space, and the first letter of your first name or change the search criteria to the property address.

Online payments for **Motor Vehicle Excise** bills can only be made online until the original due date, after that a check must be mailed.

The Town of Egremont urges all individuals to follow Governor Baker’s State of Emergency Orders regarding COVID19 . Continue to shelter in place, follow social distancing protocols, wash and sanitize your hands often, wear a mask when in public, and avoid touching your face.



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

XXX MAY 10 2020 XXX

Juliette S. Haas
TOWN CLERK

POSTPONED TO JUNE 26, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN	CEMETERY COMMISSION	PLANNING BOARD
Three Years Vote for One	Three Years Vote for One	Five Years Vote for One
GEORGE W. MCGURN Nom <input type="radio"/> 10 General Knox Lane Candidate for Re-election	DAVID D. CAMPBELL Nom <input type="radio"/> 184 Baldwin Hill NS Candidate for Re-election	MATTHEW D. BERSANI Nom <input type="radio"/> 257 Jug End Road
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
ASSESSOR	LIBRARY TRUSTEE	TOWN CLERK
Three Years Vote for One	Three Years Vote for One	One Year Vote for One
ROBIN G. GOLDBERG Nom <input type="radio"/> 68 Lakeside Drive Candidate for Re-election	KEILA SHELTON Nom <input type="radio"/> 9 Means Way Candidate for Re-election	JULIETTE S. HAAS Nom <input type="radio"/> 18 Baldwin Hill EW Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD	MODERATOR	TREE WARDEN
Two Years Vote for One	One Year Vote for One	One Year Vote for One
MARJORIE WEXLER Nom <input type="radio"/> 98 Prospect Lake Road Candidate for Re-election	STEPHEN L. COHEN Nom <input type="radio"/> 133 Mt. Washington Road Candidate for Re-election	JAMES M. OLMSTED Nom <input type="radio"/> 110 Mt. Washington Road Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>